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TAGS: PINR MARR JA CB

SUBJECT: SR-71 FLIGHTS

REF: TOKYO 10744 DTG 220935Z AUG 73

SUMMARY: QUESTION OF SR-71 FLIGHTS RAISED IN LOWER  
HOUSE OF DIET. GOJ SPOKESMEN SKILLFULLY HANDLED  
ISSUE WHICH NOW APPEARS QUIESCENT. END SUMMARY.

1. WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF SR-71 RECONNAISSANCE  
FLIGHTS OVER CAMBODIA FROM OKINAWA WERE BROUGHT UP  
AT LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 24. GOJ SPOKESMEN FONMIN OHIRA AND AMERICAN  
AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR-GENERAL OKAWARA HANDLED QUERIES  
SKILLFULLY.

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT EXCHANGE FOLLOWS BELOW:

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OKAWARA: THE SECURITY TREATY IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO

PEACE IN THIS VICINITY, AND WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE US USING THE BASES IN JAPAN FOR RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES. THE US GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SAYING REPEATEDLY THAT IT IS BEING CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE SECURITY TREATY...IF THEY ARE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE SECURITY TREATY AND IF THEY SAY THEY ARE NOT VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL LAW, WE WILL NOT MAKE ANY COMMENT.

KENJIRO SENAGA (INDEPENDENT): I WISH TO HEAR FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SR-71'S.

OHIRA: OUR BASIC VIEWS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF MR. SENAGA. UNDER THIS STRUCTURE (I.E., US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY) VIETNAM PEACE WAS REALIZED AND THE NORMALIZATION OF JAPAN-CHINA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WAS ALSO REALIZED.; IN ASIA A STATE OF RECONCILIATION HAS ALSO APPEARED. THE SECURITY TREATY FOSTERED THE FOUNDATION FOR THIS TOO. SECONDLY, IN OPERATING A TREATY BETWEEN TWO NATIONS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST. YOU SAID THAT YOU CANNOT BELIEVE IT WHEN THE US SAYS THAT IT IS NOT VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL LAW, BUT I THINK THAT THE NATURAL ATTITUDE IS TO TRUST IT...

3. COMMENT: KIM TAE CHUNG CASE HAS TENDED VIRTUALLY TO MONOPOLIZE ATTENTION OF DIET AND JAPANESE PRESS, PUSHING SR-71 AND MOST OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUES ASIDE, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.  
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